

students have spent a year studying in their host country. CBYX is designed to strengthen ties between the young generation of both countries and to create a better understanding among American and German youth of the importance of the partnership between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Prior to departure, Mr. Hartman completed a two-month orientation in Washington, DC. While in Germany, he will learn the German language, study in German schools, and work as a trainee in a German business. At the conclusion of his academic year, Mr. Hartman, will participate in a Bundestag sponsored program whereby participants spend a full day in panel discussions on current events and German-American relations.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in commending Mr. Hartman for his interest in the United States and her foreign affairs, as well as congratulations for his acceptance to this important international youth program.

DOD AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. MAX SANDLIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. SANDLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support for S. 1059, the Department of Defense Authorization Conference Report. I believe this bill is a step in the right direction—a step towards a strong military, heightened readiness, and a bolstered national security.

Among the bill's many critical provisions is a well-deserved and long-overdue pay raise for our military men and women in recognition of their hard work and dedication to their country. This bill provides for a 4.8 percent pay raise, .4 percent above the Administration's request. This critical pay raise provision will help ensure that increases are tied more to performance and promotion than years of service and will reduce the pay gap between military and civilian pay. Moreover, this salary increase is a step towards preventing the loss of the best and brightest men and women who find it increasingly difficult to manage on a military salary.

This legislation would also reform the military retirement system and provide service members an opportunity to choose which system better suits their individual needs. It would also extend pay and bonus authority, expand recruiting and retention, and add additional funds for military housing. In addition, this bill addresses our nation's veterans and recognizes their contribution to this country by guaranteeing their burial benefits, providing retirement flags for reservists and all the uniformed services, and restoring equity to widows' entitlement.

This conference report also adds \$2.7 billion to the procurement account for weaponry modernization, a crucial increase for improving military readiness. It adds \$2.8 billion in operations and maintenance and repair facilities and builds upon the President's proposal to increase defense spending by \$112 billion over the next 6 years. It also restores procurement funding for the essential F-22 fighter jet, a critical part of ensuring our military forces maintain their air superiority.

The Defense Authorization Conference Report significantly increases funding for the procurement of weapons, ammunition, and equipment, and for military construction and will enable the armed forces to modernize while maintaining a high level of readiness and training.

AGRICULTURAL RISK PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2559) to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act, to strengthen the safety net for Agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improve protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program, and for other purposes;

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, this Member rises in strong support of H.R. 2559, the Agricultural Risk Protection Act, which provides for the reform of our Federal crop insurance program, and urges his colleagues to vote for it.

This Member would like to begin by expressing appreciation to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. COMBEST), the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, and the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM), the Ranking Member of the Committee, for their assistance in expediting this legislation. This Member would also like to express his sincere appreciation to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EWING), the Chairman of the Risk Management Subcommittee, and the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. CONDIT), the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, for their assistance with this legislation.

As an original cosponsor of H.R. 2559, this Member is pleased that this important legislation is being considered today. Agricultural producers throughout the country continue to suffer from disastrously low commodity prices and in some regions from adverse weather conditions. Clearly, an emergency agriculture relief package is needed immediately. Producers are in desperate need of a quick infusion of cash to help them deal with low prices and increasing costs. However, as important as that relief is, it is only a temporary fix. A long-term approach is needed.

This Member believes that H.R. 2559 is an important component of that long-term approach. It is certainly not the only solution to current problems, but it does provide a more adequate safety net to farmers who are too often confronted with natural disasters and low prices.

The Agricultural Risk Protection Act will make crop insurance coverage more affordable at every level. It will offer producers significant incentives to purchase higher levels of protection and provide farmers with the flexibility to purchase the coverage that best meets their needs.

It is important to note that this crop insurance reform bill also improves the current risk

management structure by providing better coverage for both production and revenue. It does so by making possible more affordable policies to protect farmers against price and income loss. The legislation also initiates a livestock pilot program to test the effectiveness of risk management tools to protect livestock producers.

This Member's constituents have made it clear that crop insurance is a necessary risk management tool. Unfortunately, it is often too expensive or offers too little protection to be of real value. This legislation takes these concerns into account and offers agricultural producers what they need—meaningful and more affordable crop insurance.

This Member urges his colleagues to vote for H.R. 2559.

IN HONOR OF DR. WOJCIECH ROSTAFINSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dr. Wojciech Rostafinski as he is being honored for promoting his Polish Heritage through his outstanding accomplishments by the Polonia foundation.

In 1961 Dr. Wojciech Rostafinski began working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lewis Center. While working as a scientist for NASA, his work on the motion of waves in nonlinear conduits was published in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America. In a series of five papers, Dr. Wojciech Rostafinski solved one of the fundamental problems of acoustics. Following this achievement he went on to make more scientific discoveries. In addition to his work with NASA, he has published several new developments in applied mathematics, including a new indefinite integral that is now incorporated in all U.S. mathematical tables. While Dr. Rostafinski worked with NASA he received five NASA awards and certificates of recognition.

For his contribution to the Polish culture, Dr. Rostafinski was decorated in 1992 at the Polish Embassy in Washington, with Commander Cross of the Order of Polonia Institute. Recently he was awarded the Commander Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Wojciech Rostafinski for his scientific achievements.

TRIBUTE TO BLANCHE MOYSE ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Blanche Moyse, from Brattleboro, Vermont, on the celebration of her 90th birthday. Thirty years ago, Blanche founded the New England Bach Festival and has served as conductor since that founding. Ms. Moyse has made it possible for people from all over

the world to come to Vermont year after year, and under the spectacular canopy of autumn, be enriched by both her art and her person.

If Blanche, or "the Blanche" as some affectionately call her, had done nothing but be ousted at 16 from Conservatory violin competitions to give others a chance; survive WWII in mid France; move a household to South America one year to North America the next in search of work and peace; change artistic direction at 40 because of an increasingly uncooperative bow arm, and awaken a sleepy New England hamlet to the joys of music, she would be a remarkable person. But in fact, Blanche has done much more: She has managed, throughout a life of tempest and tumult, to remain an eternal optimist, and to remain both inspired and inspiring! Thus, year after year musicians from near and far—old and new friends alike—say "Yes" to repeat requests for work and play. Year after year, the Blanche Moyse Chorale sings like a lark.

Congratulations and thank you Blanche Moyse for your vision, for your tenacity, for your love of music and for your years of sharing. Happy Birthday.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
ARDETH CHUPP IN CELEBRATION
OF HER RETIREMENT AS HURON
COUNTY TREASURER

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a very special tribute to one of the truly outstanding individuals from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, Ms. Ardeth Chupp. On Thursday, September 30, 1999, Ardeth Chupp will retire after twenty years of service as Treasurer of Huron County.

Over the last two decades, Ardeth Chupp has certainly been a valuable asset to Huron County. Since becoming the first woman to hold the office of Huron County Treasurer twenty years ago, Ardeth Chupp has worked diligently to serve Huron County and each of its residents in every manner possible. Her generosity has been unparalleled and her assistance to all in the community unwavering. Without question, Ardeth Chupp has given unselfishly of her time to help make Huron County a great place to live.

Ardeth Chupp embodies the very spirit of American workmanship through her kindness and conscientious attention to detail. She has upheld the high standards of the Office of Treasurer and maintained the integrity expected from our public officials. Through her job as Treasurer, Ardeth Chupp has epitomized the word that describes her best—service. Although she is stepping down after twenty years, her hard work, commitment, and dedication to the citizens of Huron County will continue long into the future.

Mr. Speaker, it has often been said that America succeeds due to the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of her citizens. It is evident that Ardeth Chupp has given freely of her time and energy to assist in the preservation of American ideals. For that, we owe her a debt of gratitude that mere words cannot sufficiently express.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would ask my colleagues of the 106th Congress to stand

and join me in paying special tribute to Ardeth Chupp. On the occasion of her retirement as Huron County Treasurer, we thank her for her dedicated service and we wish her all the best in the future.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR NETWORK
SERVICES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Senior Network Services. A private nonprofit agency, Senior Network Services has facilitated the delivery of services to seniors in Santa Cruz County since 1974.

Senior Network Services is a community resource that links senior citizens with support services essential to their physical and mental well-being. The focus of this establishment is to help elderly individuals continue to lead independent, fulfilling lives at home by giving them access to necessary information and resources.

Over the years, Senior Network Services has grown to house several programs in addition to their core information and assistance services. These programs aid senior citizens with numerous facets of everyday life including Medicare, health insurance, housing options, home care and maintenance, fiduciary matters as well as advocacy on behalf of older adults. Furthermore, Senior Network Services was recently selected to provide Linkages, a new state-funded case management program that will ensure that senior citizens and functionally impaired adults will have access to resources and receive assistance coordinating services to maintain independent living.

It is with great pleasure that I commend Senior Network Services on its 25th anniversary. For its exemplary record of service to senior citizens and their families, I would like to extend best wishes for success in the future as this establishment continues to make invaluable contributions to our community.

"GREAT KIDS MAKE GREAT
COMMUNITIES" CAMPAIGN

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of the Tenth Annual Conference on Youth to applaud the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana for its efforts to reduce juvenile delinquency and improve the lives of children through its "Great Kids Make Great Communities" campaign, which has greatly benefitted from the efforts of Judge Charles F. Pratt of the Allen County Superior Court.

The "Great Kids Make Great Communities" campaign challenges adults in the community to abandon their negative stereotypes of adolescents and instead view themselves as potential asset builders in the lives of area youth. This initiative is based on research that has identified 40 developmental assets that all youth need to become responsible, caring and

successful adults. These assets include family support, religious activity, commitment to learning, community service and other character traits which reduce the likelihood of delinquency among young people.

I strongly endorse the community's commitment to encourage adults to pro-actively build relationships with area youth. It is clear to me that regardless of how well intentioned, federal programs alone cannot deliver the results our youth deserve. I am convinced that only through the combined efforts of parents, the young people themselves, churches, our schools, and other mentoring organizations can society fully equip our young people with the building blocks necessary for success.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following resolution regarding this initiative in the RECORD. I commend it highly.

WHEREAS, research by the Search Institute has identified 40 Developmental Assets that All youth need to grow into healthy productive adults; and

WHEREAS, the research demonstrates that children receiving thirty or more of the developmental assets are more likely to excel in school, embrace cultural diversity, resolve conflicts nonviolently, and resist the temptations of drugs and alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, the Search Institute has laid the framework for communities to shift their thinking from problem solving to vision building, from seeing the problems some children present to embracing the opportunities we have to improve the lives of the children, from focusing only on troubled youth to focusing on ALL youth; and,

WHEREAS, the community should be encouraged to work together to serve as resources to parents and families to secure the 40 assets each child needs; and,

WHEREAS, the GREAT KIDS MAKE GREAT COMMUNITIES campaign is Allen County's initiative to communicate the promise and vision of the 40 developmental asset concept in our community; and,

WHEREAS, all of the youth of Fort Wayne are important; and

WHEREAS, the value our children have to Fort Wayne should be communicated to our children in meaningful ways; and,

WHEREAS, the Tenth Annual Conference on Youth is an opportunity for this community to affirm to all youth their importance and value as citizens of this community;

Now therefore, all the children and youth of Fort Wayne are great kids and are a part of what makes Fort Wayne a great community.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND
MONSIGNOR LEO TELESZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 1999

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Monsignor Leo Telesz as he is being recognized by the Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Inc. for promoting his Polish Heritage through his accomplishments.

In 1988, Reverend Monsignor Leo Telesz was named Prelate of Honor by His Holiness Pope John II, receiving the title of Reverend Monsignor. In addition, he has time to serve as chaplain of Polish Army Veterans Post #1 and #2 as well as the Polish Legion of American Veterans, G Washington Post.

Reverend Monsignor has been blessed with the unique gift of being able to touch the lives